

LGI DRIVE GOES OVER THE TOP



MASTER SERGEANT AFTER 17 MONTHS—That's the story of M. Sgt. Sue J. Roller, the first WAC in Fort Benning to attain the highest rating possible for a non-commissioned officer. She is head of the grade reports section of the Infantry School, an all-Wac section charged with checking, posting, typing and filing of all grades given officer and enlisted students in the Infantry School. She is a member of WAC Detachment, No. 2 and has been in service 17 months.—(Official U. S. Army Photo—168th Signal Photo Co.)

Post Gets First Wac Master Sgt.

Tech Sgt. Sue J. Roller, enlisted chief of the grade report section of The Infantry School, this week became the first WAC at Fort Benning to attain the rank of master sergeant. Because "her efficiency indicated that she was comparable to any efficiently rated soldier who had preceded her in that position," Sgt. Roller served on her six stripes just five weeks after she had made technical sergeant and only 17 months after she entered the service. Commenting on the possible reaction of officers to such a rapid promotion, Col. E. P. Passalunghi, Academic Regiment commander, revealed that one of the strongest recommendations for Sgt. Roller's promotion came from "one such officer who had himself come up the hard way."

BACKED BY OLD-TIMERS—His reactions during an interview omitted the appointing authorities that this comparatively new woman soldier had indisputably proven her worth to fill the position to which she has been appointed, the colonel said. "Sgt. Roller is one of the best soldiers ever to be in charge of grade reports," remarked M. Sgt. Earl B. McMonigle, her immediate superior who has been chief clerk of the assistant commander's office for 20 years. "I told the colonel the same thing," McMonigle added. "I'm still a bit overwhelmed," confessed M. Sgt. Roller, "I never thought I'd wear 3 up and 3 down."

Back home in North Little Rock, Ark., Roller was assistant office manager of the quartermaster civilian personnel in an Ordnance plant. She reported for active duty in the WAAC a year ago February, and rose to the rank of technician fourth grade at Second Army headquarters at Memphis, Tenn. She came to the grade report section at Fort Benning last October, and now heads the only

Army To Retire 22d Inf.'s 'Most Soldierly'

After 27 years of service, 17 of them as a master sergeant, the Army is going to retire the "most soldierly" member of the 22d Infantry Regiment. He is master Sergeant Aaron B. Callicott of Company B, Academic Regiment, who has served for the last two years as Sergeant Major of the 2d Student Training Regiment and lately as the Chief Clerk of the Enlisted Section, Adjutant General's office of The Infantry School. In 1929, as a member of the 2d Infantry, Sergeant Callicott was selected by Col. Lochlin W. Caffey, its commanding officer, to represent the regiment along with 24 enlisted men of other Infantry regiments, in a collection of the most soldierly members of the U. S. Infantry. Their photos at the time were hung in the offices of

More Cash Is In Sight

Fort Benning's drive for \$700,000 in cash war bond sales was over the top this week as the needed \$67,000 came in, and a landing craft (Infantry) sponsored and paid for by the post is now assured, Captain Thomas M. Robinson, post war bond officer, announced Wednesday. The war bond officer reported that between June 1 and July 15, inclusive, a total of \$706,836 has been raised. This represents the purchase value of bonds bought by military and civilian personnel or a maturity value of close to one million dollars.

Captain Robinson will now inform Charles A. Starr, Georgia state chairman of the War Finance Committee, who made arrangements with Washington for the post to devote not less than \$700,000 towards the purchase of the craft that the cash is now on hand for the boat. The landing craft will bear a plaque reading as follows: "This LCI (L) Sponsored and Made Possible" by War Bond Purchases of Soldiers and Civilian Employees of Fort Benning, Ga."

Meanwhile, Captain Robinson emphasized the fact that the current drive on July 15 had yet 16 days to run and that additional cash is expected to boost the amount already reported. It is proposed to use this additional cash for the purchase of various items of equipment for the landing craft.

Captain Robinson was high in his praise of all personnel, military and civilian alike. **DID SELF PROUD**—"Fort Benning has just cause to be proud of itself," the war bond officer declared, "Like good soldiers, everyone put his or her shoulder to the wheel and helped put this magnificent project over the goal line. "However, the war is far from won; the battle-lines all over the world are aflame, and as our forces get their offensives rolling on the final push down the roads to Berlin and Tokyo, they will call for more and more equipment and munitions of war. "Fort Benning must not rest on its laurels. The drive has been successful, yes, but there is a great need for more allotments on the pay deduction allotment plan. Now is the time for every soldier to take advantage of the new \$10 war bond and at once if he or she is financially unable to make an allotment for a larger denomination complete bond."

MORE NEEDED—"Now is the time for every citizen to begin saving every month as much from his or her salary check in war bonds. Every dollar invested now means security, and after the war, will keep the wheels within the wheel of economics."

The tours are being sponsored by the U. S. Army Air Force, with Oak Leaf Cluster and the Purple Heart. He was also decorated by France. He entered military service at Jefferson Barracks in June 1917 and was the first of his home town of Stamps, Ark., to enlist in World War I. He was assigned to the 46th Infantry and later to the 22d Infantry of the 1st Division for service overseas in 1917-18. While in France, his outfit was utilized as shock troops. He saw action in the first phase of the Argonne Forest battle as a squad leader and after the battle of Cantigny, as a platoon leader. In

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THE MOST SOLDIERLY MEMBER of the old 22d Infantry gets a hearty farewell from his former commander, Master Sergeant Aaron B. Callicott of Co. B, Academic Regiment of The Infantry School, is shown receiving the greeting of Brig. Gen. George H. Weems, acting commander of The Infantry School and former commander of the 22d Infantry. As a member of that unit, Sgt. Callicott was cited as the most soldierly member of the regiment and his photo, along with those of 37 other infantrymen similarly cited, now hangs in Washington. The sergeant is retiring after 27 years of service. He holds the Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster and the Purple Heart for gallantry in World War I. (Official U. S. Army Photo—The Infantry School.)



IDEAS PAID OFF IN CASH for these four civilian employees of Fort Benning who collectively received awards totaling \$155 from Brigadier General William H. Hobson, post commander (extreme right). They are (left to right) Steve F. Davenport, Alva F. McGregor, Evert H. Blair, and Mrs. Josephine B. Stack. See details in story in column eight. (Signal Lab. Photo by Tony Carrington.)

Civilians Win \$155 In Cash

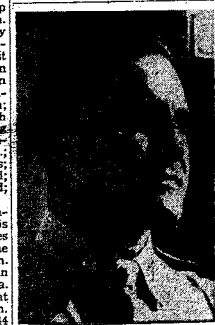
Because four Fort Benning civilian employees conceived unusual ideas by which to eliminate waste, conserve manpower, and speed up production, they are today collectively \$155.00 richer from a materialistic point of view and have the satisfaction of knowing that they have made a concrete contribution to the winning of the war, Captain Raymond A. Perkins, Chief of the Civilian Personnel Branch, announced this week. Captain Perkins said that a cash award of \$75 went to Mrs. Josephine B. Stack, clerk-stenographer of the Bakers and Conks School; \$30 went to Alva F. McGregor, shoe shop superintendent of the Maintenance Branch; \$25 were awarded Steve F. Davenport, electrician of the Maintenance Branch; and a like sum was awarded Evert H. Blair, assistant armament foreman of Ordnance Shop No. 2.

The awards were made this week by Brigadier General William H. Hobson, post commander, in "his" offices. General Hobson told the winners that he is glad that Fort Benning civilian employees are submitting ideas which are making a definite contribution to the winning of the war and the building of a lasting peace. He emphasized the fact that the amount of the awards made has no connotation with the intrinsic values of the ideas submitted. Such ideas, he said, cannot be inventoried in dollars and cents, and added that the real remuneration is the satisfaction of knowing that one has made a real contribution to the war effort.

Among those present at the ceremony were Colonel Jack L. Meyers, Director of Supply at Fort Benning; Lt. Colonel Charles W. Carlton, deputy director of maintenance, Ordnance Shops; Captain Robert J. Dickson, Quartermaster Corps. The cash awards were authorized by an Act of Congress, dated July 1, 1943, and a War Department Order. The purpose of the awards is to stimulate the submission of ideas designed to eliminate waste.

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Spanish Civil War Veteran Declares Fascism Could Have Died In Iberia



MAJ. GEN. PAUL NEWGARDEN ... long at Fort Benning

Gen. Newgarden Killed In Crash

The news of the tragic death of Major General Paul W. Newgarden, commanding general of the 10th Armored Division which was stationed at Fort Benning until June, 1943, proved a distinct shock to hundreds of officers and men at Benning who knew General Newgarden. The general was killed last Friday night near Chattanooga, Tenn., along with all occupants of his plane, when the ship apparently disintegrated during a heavy storm at Chattanooga while en route to Camp Gordon, Ga., for a day of celebrating in observance of the second anniversary of the activation of the division at Fort Benning. At the instance of Mrs. Newgarden plans for the observance were carried out as scheduled last Saturday.

Colonel Walter Scott Fulmer, USA, retired, was commanding general of Fort Benning during General Newgarden's tour here and who was intimately associated with him, voiced the shock of every person who knew

Nurses' Aides Finish Friday

Twenty-six women comprising the first class of Red Cross Nurses' Aides trained at the Army Service Forces Regional Hospital, Fort Benning, will receive their diplomas Friday afternoon from Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, commanding general of Fort Benning. The graduation ceremony will be held at 4 o'clock on the sun deck of the hospital. Following presentation of the diplomas by General Hobson, the nurses' aides will be capped by Lt. Col. Alva F. McGregor, Chief Nurse at the hospital. The program will begin with an invocation by Major Paul K. Buckles, acting chief of chaplains. Col. Chauncey M. Dovel, commanding officer of the hospital, then will speak and will introduce Mrs. Andrew Knight, director of nurses' aides, who will be mistress of ceremonies. Mrs. Knight will introduce Mrs. Donald H. Hale, who instructed the class of nurses' aides; Murray Hill, field director for the American Red Cross at Fort Benning; Mrs. William H. Hobson, chairman of Volunteer Services for the Fort Benning Auxiliary of the Red Cross; and Mrs. Charles Hunt, chairman of

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DIKE LEAK UNPLUGGED

"The tears and blood of millions of men and women who struggle in this present world conflict and of millions more enslaved in conquered countries are but echoes of the pain that led us against Fascism," Hollander pointed out. "Destruction of Fascism could have been so easy if just like this leak in the dike idea. If France and England and America, too, had given us just a small amount of what they were forced to create for this war, why I'd be in Brooklyn now and the Dodgers would be the only war to interest me. "Against David and Goliath odds—and David had no secret weapon—the soldiers who aided the loyalist cause fought with a fierceness of spirit that only free men know," Hollander reflected. "There was no need for morale talks. We were propelled by the force that sustains men who know why they fight and what they stand to lose. "The Axis are tough, but only while they have superior odds. And this time, more than any of the Fascist soldier is more than just poster stuff," he declared. Pvt. Hollander looks ahead to

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Commando Kelly Off On Furlough

Worn out but uncomplicated after a swift tour of 44 states, Tech Sgt. Charles E. (One Man Army) Kelly "used down" in the Academic Regiment of The Infantry School for just one day. By order of his new commanding officer, he has gone home on furlough in Pittsburgh for a much-needed rest.

Although he was here for only a few hours, Medal of Honor hero has already impressed his Company mates and regimental officers with his soft-spoken modesty and simplicity. Despite his evident weariness after the strenuous trip through 100 camps, "Commando" Kelly chatted cheerfully with crowds of Academics who followed him around from orderly room to supply room, and wash room to his quarters. When Col. E. P. Passalunghi, regimental commander, questioned Kelly, it developed that he had

spent only one day at home. His 21-day delay en route, granted to returning combat veterans prior to reporting to their new outfits, had been utilized by Kelly for talks at military and civilian war installations.

Without complaining, he admitted to the colonel that he was just a little tired, "more than any of the Axis could think of, would rather have some rest." "The furlough on which he has gone will give him the opportunity to be informally with his family, where he will not be bothered with making addresses and participating in rallies," the colonel explained. What amounted to a "rally" centered around Kelly during his brief stay here between reporting in and checking out. "We crowded around him in his room, surprised to see that he's

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IT'S A LONG WAY from the battlefields of Italy to the comparative quiet of The Infantry School at Fort Benning. And in his new assignment at the school, Tech. Sgt. Charles E. (Commando) Kelly will lead a different sort of an army life than he did a few months ago, particularly the day he killed 40 Germans while single-handedly holding off an attack to cover the withdrawal of a unit. The holder of the Congressional Medal of Honor has been on a speaking tour of Army camps in 44 states. At the Infantry School, he will probably be assigned as an enlisted instructor. Kelly is shown on the balcony of canteen in The Academic Regiment where he is quartered. (Official U. S. Army Photo—168th Signal Photo Co.)

Signal Corps Cites Columbus Phone Employees

F. B. Patterson, District Manager of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, has announced that telephone men and women of Columbus are among 32,000 who have received a special citation from the Army Signal Corps for loyal and patriotic services rendered during the national emergency. The award has the same significance concerning communications which the Army-Navy "E" award has in production circles.

Colonel F. J. Magee, Signal Officer of the Fourth Service Command, on Monday presented the award to Southern Bell Telephone Company and its employees. A Certificate of Appreciation, the presentation featured a special ceremony at Atlanta, Ga. In accepting the citation, President Hal S. Dumas, of Southern Bell, praised the men and women and said he was "happy to accept in the name of all my fellow workers throughout the South."

Every telephone employee in Columbus soon will have a personal copy of the citation. A miniature replica of the certificate is being sent to all 32,000 Southern Bell people in nine states, so that they will have a visible symbol of the honor which the Signal Corps is according them for their "distinguished contribution" to the war drive.

The citation reads: "The Chief Signal Officer of the Army of the United States extends his appreciation to Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company for loyal and patriotic services rendered the Signal Corps of the Army of the United States in the accomplishment of its vital mission during a period of national emergency. This acknowledgement of your distinguished contribution in furtherance of a future world at peace will be inscribed forever in the annals of the Signal Corps."

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Former 5th Inf. Men In Burma; Make Wire Stories

News items mentioning former 5th Infantry enlisted men were carried in papers served by the United Press recently. Both the soldiers, Pfc. Hunt Crawford of Louisville, Ky., and Pfc. Caspar Turleio, Brooklyn, N. Y., are at present serving with the colorful Merrill Marauders in the rugged jungles of Burma.

Crawford, described as "a lean, blond-bearded scout," told some of the harrowing experiences he had undergone since the start of the Burma offensive, while Turleio, with typical Brooklyn humor, told General "Hinges" Joe Stilwell, "I have lots of experience with horses, sir. I once saw one pulling a milk wagon in Brooklyn."

Turleio joined the 5th Infantry in January 1942, while the Regiment was in Panama, while Crawford came to the organization at Camp Van Dorn, Miss., in March 1943. Both men volunteered for overseas service in September, 1943.

PERUVIAN—

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nance methods, materiel, and supply functions of the AAF.

ARRIVE SATURDAY

The Peruvian flyers will arrive Saturday at Lawson Field and at noon will be luncheon guests of Brigadier General William H. Hobson, particularly those of the Kaiser's class of 1917 and 1918. However, he doesn't think they can measure up to the American soldier in any war.

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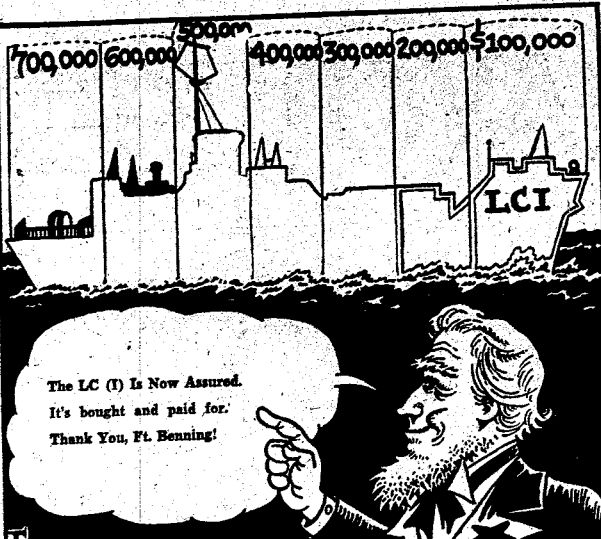
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Long Rocks Trooper Gym

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The Parachute gym in the Alabama area was rocked on its foundations by the music of Johnny Long and his orchestra, this past Friday evening. Maestro Long, who is known as one of the nation's few left-handed violin players, came to The Parachute School from the Roosevelt Hotel, in New Orleans to broadcast on the Coca-Cola "SPOTLIGHT" band show.

The program was aired over the Blue Network in this country, Mexico and Canada, and was sent to the fighting fronts all over the world.

Before the broadcast Johnny Long gave a short prelude of entertainment to the capacity-filled gymnasium. John Brison acted as master of ceremonies, and announcer, keeping the audience in a hilarious mood with his ad libbing and jokes. Much applause and "ohs" and "ahs" were given by Jerry Stewart, the cute blond vocalist with the "up-swing-hair-do." Her "style" rendition of such popular tunes as "Milk Man," "Time Waits for No One," and "Feather Head," brought a flow of cheers.

A highlight of the Coca-Cola broadcast was a short wave interview with Captain Alfred "Irish" Ireland from somewhere in Great Britain. Captain Ireland had just returned from 35 days at the fighting front in Normandy. He had received his parachute training at Fort Benning in 1942. He was with his unit for overseas in the spring of 1943. The captain was injured while fighting in progress. Left was impressed by the swiftness and surprise tactics that the Paratroopers displayed.

Music was furnished until midnight for those who wished to dance, but many Johnny Long fans preferred to listen at the band stand. The party was brightened by chic hostesses from nearby towns.

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inate waste, conserve manpower, speed up production, and to improve efficiency in the operation and administration of various organizations.

The prize-winning suggestions at Benning are the result of the job methods training program which has been underway at the post for some time.

MRS. STACK

Mrs. Stack's idea has led to the simplification of a monthly training report which has resulted in a per annum savings of more than \$1,500.

She has been employed at Fort Benning since 1937 when she was connected with a CCC unit. When the staff of the CCC was reduced in 1938 she was transferred to the post hospital, and later joined the Bakers and Cooks School staff. She is a native of Columbus, Ga., and resides at 809 Broad Street.

MCGREGOR'S IDEA

Mr. McGregor recommended changes in the arrangement of storage bins and shoe benches in his department which made it possible to release two workmen for assignment to other important tasks in the shop.

McGregor is also a native of Columbus and resides at 2929 11th Avenue.

He played at Fort Benning since February 1, 1942.

\$1,500 PER ANNUM

Mr. Davenport won his \$25 award by suggesting an improved electric motor rewinding technique which resulted in an approximate \$1,500 saving in labor costs per annum.

He is a native of Louvale, Ga., and low lives at 1112 17th Street in Columbus. He entered in employment at Benning on January 6, 1943, in the motor transport district now known as the Commercial Maintenance Shop. He is a senior auto mechanic in the shops at present.

BLAIR DEVISE

Mr. Blair devised a technique for the connection of tank tracks which reduces by approximately 80 per cent the labor previously required to complete this operation.

He is a native of Williamsport, Pa., and now resides at 102 A.

Noted Scholar Here August 4

Professor Abraham Halkin, a prominent Jewish scholar, educator, and outstanding lecturer, is coming to Fort Benning for a special lecture on Friday, August 4. It has been announced by Chaplain Benjamin H. Gorrell, Jewish Chaplain at Fort Benning, that Professor Halkin is making a lecture tour of the Army camps of the Fourth Service Command and his tour is being sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board.

Dr. Halkin, a graduate of Columbia University, is now a member of the faculty of the Department of Semitics in the same university. He also teaches at Brooklyn College and at the Teachers Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City. He is the author of a well-known work in his field, "Moslem Schisms and Sects." As a popular lecturer, he has won the commendation and varied public forum audiences throughout the country.

Professor Halkin will speak at the Jewish Friday evening services at 7:30 p. m., in the Children's School, Main Post. Following his lecture, there will be a question and discussion period.

While on the Post, Dr. Halkin will be the guest of Chaplain Gorrell and will be accompanied by Philip Gordon, the director of the Columbus Jewish Welfare Board. Dr. Halkin's appearance in Fort Benning is the second in a series of cultural programs sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board for Jewish Servicemen and women in Army camps.

The first of this series brought Miss Molly Picon.

ARMY ORIENTATION Course in 2d Phase

The second phase of the Army Orientation Course following the completion of the 17-week introductory Orientation Course is now being given by Headquarters, Second Army, at Fort Benning.

Fourth Service Command is being given for the benefit of all Army Service Forces personnel and military personnel.

Major General William H. Uhl, commanding General of the Fourth Service Command, states that he desires morale and service to be the basis of the course.

He explained that the object of the second phase of the course is to give the personnel of the personnel in the war and that by their increased effort victory can be achieved.

It is to imbue officers with renewed enthusiasm which will be transmitted to enlisted men and women and to instill the work materials.

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the time when the Spanish people will join the other democracies of the world in finding the answer to Fascist elements in their government. He maintains frequent contact with many of his fellow officers in the Lincoln Brigade who are virtually all in this country's service, many of them commissioned officers.

ALL DOLLARS

Hollander and the living members of the Brigade were recently of service to the armed forces when they provided Prof. John Deland, of Yale University, with the facts for "Fear in Battle," a study of fear and courage under battle conditions which appeared in a series of articles in the Infantry Journal.

After joining the Loyalist forces Hollander received only a few weeks of training before going into action on the Madrid Front. Part of his job was signal corps work, and he says, "contrast between their equipment and ours today is only another reason why the Allies cannot lose."

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nurses' aides for the Muscogee County Red Cross Chapter and the Fort Benning Auxiliary.

Col. Dovel will then introduce General Hobson for the principal address and presentation of diplomas.

BOND DRIVE ON SAIPAN

NEW YORK: When the Marines of the 2nd and 4th Divisions landed on Saipan in the face of fierce Jap fire, a gunnery sergeant dropped into a ready-made foxhole and reached for a cigarette. He pulled out a packet of matches and as the shells whizzed overhead he saw this slogan inside the cover: "Don't Forget to Buy a Bond Today." This incident is reported by Sgt. Larry M. Mann, whose eyewitness account of the fighting on Saipan is featured in the July 28th issue of YANK, The Army Weekly, which goes on sale at Post Exchanges and Ships Services, July 21.

71st Infantry Marks Its 1st Anniversary

A simple ceremony marked the first anniversary of the 71st Division, which held its Activation Day program at Marshall Bowl, Saturday, June 15. Addressed by Major General Robert L. Spragins, Division Commander, and Lt. Col. John T. Westermeyer, features of the event, Col. Martin C. Martin, Chief of Staff, introduced General Spragins to the 71st Division men. Every available man in the 71st Division was present.

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Corporal Rogers Now In His Second War

When Cpl. Charles A. Rogers, of the Service Battalion, Third Student Training Regiment of the Infantry School, volunteered for army duty in July, 1942, it was to answer his country's call for the second time in 24 years.

Born in New Albany, Miss., Corporal Rogers was first called to service on March 4, 1918, at 17 years of age. Six months later he was in France as a member of the 30th Field Artillery of the 97th Division.

"I spent exactly eight months and 29 days over there the last time," he recalled, "and it was pretty tough then too."

As number one gunner on a French 75mm artillery piece, Rogers believes his toughest fight was during 11 days on the Meuse, helping defend Nancy, an important French city which the Germans were trying to take.

"We were just holding at Nancy," he pointed out, "while our main attack was directed at Metz, a city further north. We managed to hold our end of the line and the Germans abandoned Metz before our troops got there. Then we got some help at Nancy and the Germans called it a day there too."

Then as now, ammunition supply was a big problem in artillery work. "We had mule teams to do much of the work but even then we used a lot of trucks. Those old mules were slow," he laughed, "but in that mud they could be depended on more than we could say for some of the trucks in those days."

Really our outfit was mechanized as far as transportation of the guns was concerned. During training in the United States, we used mules to pull the guns but when we got over there we used trucks. And what trucks! We used every kind of truck in the Army. They were a lot different than the trucks they have now that can just about go anywhere a mule can. Then we used anything we could get our hands on."

At the present time Corporal Rogers is assigned to the Third

STR Service Battalion and is enlisted supervisor of the Regiment's 55-acre victory farm.

"I like my job," he said, "but I hope this war is soon over so that we can all go home again."

No Certificate Of Ownership, No Gas-OPA

If you're figuring on buying an automobile you can save yourself a lot of trouble by being certain to get the certificate of transfer required under the new OPA price ceiling regulations.

Sgt. Louis Lipp, secretary of the Fort Benning Branch of the Muscogee County Real Estate Board, states that more than half of the personnel of Fort Benning who have purchased automobiles have failed to get the certificate. That means they have had to make an extra trip to secure it before they could get their gas ration books.

When purchasing an automobile now, be sure to get the certificate from the price ceiling board at 1115 First avenue in Columbus, he warns. Then be sure also to have all the necessary papers, including the "A" ration gas stamps and to have proper tire inspection records before making application at Fort Benning for new gas coupon books.

It's a simple matter to get these various records at the time of purchase—but sometimes very difficult afterwards," Sgt. Lipp points out. "And we cannot issue gas books without all of these records properly made out. Military personnel can save themselves a lot of trouble by getting them right in the first place."

NEW AA CANNON MOBILE MONSTER

PORT CLINTON, Ohio.—(ALNS)—A new army AA gun, the 120 millimeter cannon, can outshoot the highest flying bombing plane, declare Army ordnance experts at the Erie proving grounds at Lacarne, near here. The new gun is a 30-ton mobile monster, and can fire up to 12 shells a minute. The gun requires a crew of 19 soldiers.

"Hey, GI, Wanna Carve Your Initials Here?"



BLONDE ASH AND ASH BLONDE—Here's one of the lovely specimens of old trees at Fort Benning, a towering blond ash that stands just inside the enclosure at Russ Pool. GIs have evidently been carving their initials in the ash bark for a good many years judging by some of the dates. We think you'll agree, it's a really streamlined specimen. Oh yes, the ash blonde next to the blond ash is also pretty streamlined, or had you noticed? She is Ruby Fives, gorgeous blond wife of St. Sgt. Lewis Fives, a supply sarge at the Parachute School. (The lucky guy!) Ruby used to be quite an athlete, too, which just goes to prove that athletes can also be beautiful! She was a professional softball player down around Miami and also is an excellent swimmer. Ye olde tree b'ye ye olde swimmin' hole intrigued her recently and she agreed to pose for our yonder pin-up effort. So, come on down to the pool, GIs and carve your initials on yonder tree—although, of course, we can't guarantee the scene will look exactly as it does above. (Signal Lab. Photo by Pvt. Mike Shea—Sketches by Corp. Tap Goodenough.)

4th Svc Personnel Buy 19 Million In Bonds in June

E bonds purchased by the Army Fourth Service Command and its civilian employees during June, exceeded nineteen million dollars, Major General Frederick E. Uhl, Commanding General announces.

Lt. Col. Charles A. Rawson, war bond officer reported that the regular allotment for military personnel amounted to \$9,600,000, while cash purchases were made in the sum of \$9,211,860.39.

There was \$2.23 per cent participation in the June bond drive, with 10.87 per cent payroll deduction among the more than 170,000 civilian employees of the Fourth Service Command. Cash sales and payroll deductions amounted to \$4,781,105.00.

Col. Rawson went on to say that although there are 6,000 less people on the payroll of the Command now than there were in the first month of the fourth bond drive, there were 11,000 more participants in the June 1944 Fifth War Loan Drive. The bonds bought by civilian personnel exceeded the previous sale by \$1,224,286. The military personnel increased its bond allotments by over a million dollars and its cash purchases by \$1,838,258.00.

If the \$19,592,405 subscribed to by the military and civilian personnel of the Fourth Service Command were used solely for equipping individual soldiers with their basic needs, 79,928 GI Joes could be outfitted.

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Non'Com Under Same Officer In Two Wars

An ardent believer in the old bromide, "It's a small world," is First Sergeant William H. Johnson of Company "E" of the Parachute School. Twenty-five years ago, Sergeant Johnson, then a youngster of 22, served with the Army of Occupation in Germany. While attached to the 8th Infantry Non-Commissioned Officer's School, Sergeant Johnson met and befriended Colonel Alfred N. Taylor, now stationed at Pittsburgh. The passing of years brought Johnson other posts, other scenes, until 1940 when he again met Sergeant Johnson in Tennessee (he was a toyshop playmate of Sergeant Alvin York) became a member of the 2nd Battalion Infantry Training School at Fort Benning. Somewhat to his surprise, his commanding officer was—Colonel Alfred N. Taylor.

'Yank' To Feature Flip Corkin Prototype In August 4 Issue

Colonel Philip G. Cochran, who recently helped plan and direct the landings of the 1st Air Commando Force behind Jap lines in Burma, still gets his real life achievements mixed up with his comic strip adventures. According to Sgt. Marie Miller, YANK staff correspondent.

Most people still call Col. Cochran "Flip," thinking he's the same old "Pirates" cartoon character modeled after his friend, Milton Caniff. Furthermore, the cartoon character modeled after his friend, Milton Caniff, is still in his studio and tries to imagine an incredible incident always adding Cochran about Taffy Tucker, the Army nurse Flip spends a lot of time with.

The parallel between Cochran and Corkin really became deadly, Miller points out, when on March 17, Flip mentioned in "Yank" that the "Pirates" that were completing plans for an invasion of Burma by his newly-organized gliderborne Air Commando. Then, the morning the actual operation was announced.

According to Caniff, it was simply a case of the last arm of the "Pirates" reaching half way around the world. Caniff just sits in his studio and tries to imagine an incredible incident always adding Cochran about Taffy Tucker, the Army nurse Flip spends a lot of time with.

Miller's full length combat portrait of probably the best known GI full colonel in the U. S. Army, is featured in the August 4 issue of YANK. The Army Weekly, on sale at Post Exchanges and Ship Services, July 28.

VOLCANO BLOWS TOP, SO ARMY MOVES OUT. ALEUTIAN ISLANDS (ALNS)—When the volcano Mt. Cleveland, went into active eruption on June 10, and shortly after blew off its top, army installations on Chugach Island were evacuated. The island is in the eastern part of the Aleutian chain.

TIS, 71st Name Deputy Mileage Administrators

Two of the major units at Fort Benning have appointed deputy mileage administrators, under the new set-up established recently, and personnel of those units now are to apply through them for their gas ration books.

Under the new set-up, Col. Jack L. Meyer, director of supply is mileage administrator and Col. Charles M. Crawford, ordnance officer, is deputy administrator for the unit. Each of the major units has been requested to appoint a deputy through whom personnel will be made application for supplemental and other gas ration coupons.

Capt. Richard H. Lee has been named to represent the Infantry School while Maj. George E. Mann is deputy administrator for the 71st Division.

The deputy administrators will be supplied with blank application forms through Sgt. Louis Lipp, secretary of the Muscogee County Ration Board. The deputies will look over the applications, see that they are made out correctly, advise personnel, and make their recommendations upon the forms. They then will go for final action to Sgt. Lipp's office in the Provost Marshal's office.

As soon as the other major units name a deputy administrator, he will be supplied with blanks and all information necessary to allow him to assist in preparing application forms. The duties of these units will then deal directly through him.

VD Is Subject Of Post Confab

City and county officials from Columbus and Muscogee County joined with Fort Benning authorities Friday afternoon in a conference at the post to discuss the venereal disease problem in the Columbus area.

The civilian officials met with Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, commanding general of Fort Benning, in the latter's office with other Benning officers.

Friday's meeting was similar to others held regularly in the past at which civil and military authorities conferred on such problems as that of venereal disease control and related problems.

Those attending the conference were Mayor Sterling Abrecht, Mayor C. H. Egerly, Jr., Judge of the Superior Court and Judge J. A. Lynch; L. P. Banks, of the County Commission; B. B. Key, J. R. Knight, and Dr. W. Bridges off he City Commission.

Also present were Major James E. Loveless, former venereal disease control officer of Fort Benning who is now assigned to Headquarters Fourth Service Command in Atlanta; Major Williams of the U. S. Public Health Service; and Capt. T. C. McKell, venereal disease control officer at the post.

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25th Co., 1st STR, Honors Blood Donors at Party

One of the most enjoyable money parties ever conducted by a unit of the 4th Battalion, 1st Student Training Regiment of the Infantry School, was held Thursday evening by the officers and members of the 25th Company. The affair, which was in the form of a banquet and dance, was held in the 24th Infantry Gym. The Reception Center band furnished music throughout the evening.

Following the banquet, the gathering heard the remarks of Capt. Leonard H. Olson, commanding officer of the 25th Company, who praised the members of his command who donated blood during the recent drive. Those who were honored included Corporal John J. Odie, First Class Privates Gordon Anderson, John H. Burton, Eliah Finney, James W. White and James L. Walters.

Other enlisted men included Privates Chester Butler, Fred L. Taylor, T. P. Hall, Charles B. Robinson, Richard Harrison and James L. Jordan.

The monthly party was a very joy affair and to support the wives and sweethearts present, the Columbus USO furnished 40 attractive young ladies, who added color to the evening. The committee in charge included 1st Sgt. Thomas D. Glass, chairman; Staff Sgt. Richard L. Haynesworth, 1st Sgt. John H. Grant and pl. Eugene A. Crews.

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1st STR Soldier Was Pianist For Music's Great

When Pvt. Vladimir Sokoloff, of Philadelphia, Pa., recently enrolled in the Enlisted Communication Course in the 23rd Company, 1st Student Training Regiment of the Infantry School, sits in front of a piano, you're in for a real musical treat, for this young man is one of the world's outstanding pianists.

A brief examination of his background reveals that he has been associated with top-flight performers for several years. When the world-famous Efrem Zimbalist toured the capitals of Europe, he selected as his pianist Vladimir Sokoloff. This particular concert tour carried him into France, England, Sweden, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and Russia. Sokoloff enjoys reviewing the many interesting incidents that happened. He also follows the conduct of the present war in which he played are the center of war news.

WITH JEPSON When Helen Jepson, famous Metropolitan Opera star, began her tour, she selected Sokoloff as her pianist. Michla Elman, violinist of world fame, and Felix Salmond, outstanding English cellist, all sought Vladimir as their accompanist. He is 31 years of age, and has been associated with musical studies since he was eight years of age. He first studied in New York for 10 years, and later finished his musical work at the Curtis Institute of Music at Philadelphia, to which school he won a scholarship.

Following the completion of studies at Curtis Institute, he was appointed to the faculty, and was teaching piano, as well as being the official school accompanist. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sokoloff, of Philadelphia, the 1st STR musician hails from a long line of musicians, for it was his uncle, Nikolai Sokoloff, who founded the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra many years ago.

It was while he attended the Curtis Institute that Vladimir met his wife. For quite sometime they formed a duet and gave concerts in various sections of the country. They have a three-year-old daughter, Katherine, who, Sokoloff says, "is a chip off the old block," for she is already showing considerable interest in music.

Inducted into the service January 21, 1944, Sokoloff was fitted out at the New Cumberland Reception Center and later shipped to Camp Croft, S. C., where he completed basic training. A few weeks ago he arrived at Fort Benning.

ADD SOLDIER SLANGUAGE NEW YORK.—"Incoming Mail" is the latest addition to Army slang, according to Sgt. Walter Peters, YANK correspondent with the invasion forces in France. Whenever a doughfoot hears another GI give that yell, he dives for a foxhole because "Incoming Mail" means that Jerry's artillery is hitting back. Peter's report on the capture of Cherbourg is featured in the July 28th issue of YANK. The Army Weekly, which goes on sale at Post Exchanges and Ship Services, July 21.



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Caste System Hindus' 'Be-all, End-all' Career

By MAJOR ALVIN E. REIDEN, M. C. PART II

There is no social phenomenon which is more bewildering than the caste system which exists in India. It is a system which the Hindu has reduced to a thousand bits of ex-clusiveness with insularly re-duced absurdity. Caste is the great social organization which governs and directs the Hindu in every aspect and action of his life. He is born with it; he cannot change it; and he has often sacrificed his life rather than break it. It is the very breath of his nostrils. To preserve his caste is the be-all and end-all of his career in this world. To break it is worse than the commission of any criminal offense. He will perjure himself and steal cheer-fully; he will maintain and murder without compunction. But the most abandoned villain will re-spect the laws of caste and yield blind obedience to its rules. Notwithstanding that it is un-reasonable and unreasonable, un-just and arbitrary, cruel and in-human, caste is a great moral force as an agent of social control. The average native will lie about everything except his caste; it is the restraining influence in his life and has introduced a code of conduct (however misguided) into a character-whose moral concep-tions would otherwise permit it to run riot. Strangely enough, even those Indians who are not Hindus, respect caste and derogate those who would destroy or annihilate it.

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3d STR Unit Smashes OC M-1 Records

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EXPERTS COMMONPLACE

Scores in the 190's became commonplace during the afternoon as 32 candidates turned in records qualifying them as experts with 180 or higher, 11 more than any previous class, according to Lt. Col. Charles W. Colston, chairman of the M-1 committee.

AVERAGE 171.4

The 200 members of the company came off the last firing point with a composite company average of 171.4.

PRIZE WINNERS

Highest score, First Platoon: John Ladin, with a score of 191, awarded \$5 in war stamps.

Highest score, Second Platoon: Marvin D. Martin and Charles Nelson, tied with 185, awarded \$5 in war stamps.

Highest score, Third Platoon: Edmund G. Wilson, with a score of 181, awarded \$5 in war stamps.

Highest score, Fourth Platoon: Robert J. Forsythe, who had never qualified with the rifle before, was awarded \$5 in war stamps for posting an expert score of 184.

All prizes were given by the company.

A small fraction of him can find occupation in the native armies. But he swears a bamboo staff, tells how his ancestors fought in the good old days of fowry and rapine, and retains a fierce way of twirling his mustachios. For the rest, he has degenerated into an agriculturalist who ekes out a living from poor soil. The third or living caste has thrived under the English rule. They are clever business men. Especially the money lenders who are a distant power in the land; for much of it is mortgaged to them. It is a saving in India "if ever there is rebellion in the land the first things to be consigned to the flames will be the books and archives of the usurers."

Trooper Says Cooking Is Dangerous Profession

T-5 Romeo J. Cassavant, cook at Company "E" of The Parachute School, recently survived a bandaged hand. "Believe me," he said, "being a cook is much more dangerous than being a combat para-trooper. If you're not cutting a band opening a No. 2 can, you're burning it in hot grease. Cooking is a dangerous profession."

A veteran of combat jumps on Sicily and Italy, T-5 Cassavant should know whereof he speaks, but one is inclined to think that the amiable cook is stretching it a bit, especially after hearing his modest account of action in Italy and Sicily.

COOK'S TOUR

Following a schedule that reads like a Cook's Tour, Cassavant touched in successive weeks, Camp Shank, N. Y., then in North Africa, Casablanca, Fort Marshall Lyott, Oujda and finally Kairouan.

UNDERSTATEMENT

Inclined to ward understatement, Cassavant remarks that the ensuing action was rather "hot."

Following the end of its mis-sion in Sicily, the 505th returned to Kairouan for reorganization, then shipped to a now-quiet Sic-ily to prepare for the Italian cam-paign.

On September 15, T-5 Cas-savant made his second combat jump. This time, the 505th swarmed down to an uneventful landing at Salerno on the Italian Penin-sula. "We were rather surprised," says Cassavant, "After Sicily we expected to catch the devil when we hit the Continent, but for 24 hours we were virtually unop-posed. The Italians and Germans made up for it later, though."

TAGGED BY SHRAPNEL

"We battled through the hills all the way to the Volturno Riv-er. It was there that the Italian campaign, ended for me. I was standing lookout one night watch-ing for enemy troop move-ments when a shell burst nearby. I guess I zigged when I should have zagged, anyway I caught a piece of shrapnel in the back and that was all for me."

Awarded the Purple Heart for his wound, Cassavant took the road back, via Naples, Sicily, North Africa, Newport News, Va., and then to White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., for a lengthy period of convalescence, from which point he finally made his way back to Fort Benning.

"So here I am," he muses, "a paratrooper turned cook, and getting more words every day than I ever got in combat."

Asked if he planned to cook after the war, T-5 Cassavant snorted, "No, no, a thousand times no. I worked for a duty concern in Providence, and I'm going right back. Say, you never heard of anyone burning his hands on a cow, have you?"

Sunday School Is Open To All Post Children

A General Sunday School is held each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Post Children's School building and is open to all the children on the post. The departmental system of the graded Sunday School is observed.

The departments in the school and the teachers are as follows: the kindergarten, taught by Miss Venita Strain; Primary I, Mrs. Peter Spehr; Primary II, Mrs. Ernest T. McCoun; Junior Boys Candidate F. H. H. King; Junior Girls, Mrs. Frederick W. Heller; Intermediate Girls, Lt. Miles Laundemager; Intermediate Boys, Pfc. Florian Manus.

Two new teachers will be added to the teaching staff; they are Pfc. Mary Barker and Pfc. Marie Woerner of the WAC Detachment. Mrs. George Ritchey is the super-intendent of the school and Chap-lain Peter E. Spehr is the Chaplain in Charge.

In addition to the school a Bible class for the women on the post is conducted each Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Post Chapel. The class is taught by Mrs. George he declared.

POST-WAR CARS TO BE "DOLLED-UP"

BOSTON, Mass.—(ALNS)—A meeting of automobile distributors held here was told by the general manager of a Detroit automobile plant that the first post-war cars will be 1942 models "dolled up." He declared that a job of debunk-ing, had to be done, to correct an impression that entirely new lines will roll off the assembly line after the war. The number of models will also be cut down, he declared.

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Jap Bullet Nearly Got This Doughboy

This is the story of one of the bravest, toughest and nicest lads Uncle Sam ever fitted into uniform. This soldier had a 25 caliber Jap bullet enter the rear of his neck and pass between his jugular vein and vocal chords, and emerge slightly to the left of his "Adam's-apple". He kept his head, sought medical aid and is able to talk about the incident... which makes him a rather remarkable person.

A veteran of the South Pacific theater, Pvt. Walter Corney, of the 24th Company, 1st Infantry Training Regiment of The Infantry School, was a scout... a number one scout in fact. In the Infantry scout leads the way. He moves boldly forward and is the first one to be subjected to enemy fire. During the New Georgia campaign there was plenty of hidden enemy supporting this jungle island fortress, and Private Corney had many a close call, before finally getting hit.

Leading his unit through thick jungle growth, Corney detected movement ahead. Instantly, he dropped to a prone position. It was hot, terribly hot, and the perspiration rolled down his face and into his eyes. It was a miserable way to fight. Wiping his face hurriedly, Corney propped himself upon his elbows and was taking aim at a movement on his right flank, when suddenly bullets kicked up the grass beside him and the next moment he felt a burning sensation like a hot poker passing through his neck.

HE'S HIT
At that same instant, more bullets ricocheted off his helmet, and suddenly struck his hand between the thumb and index finger. Conscious of his condition and realizing he was in the path of enemy cross-fire, Corney rolled to the left to better cover. His throat burned, blood poured from two

gaping holes in his neck. His hand, too, was painfully exposed, blood spurting like a geyser. Remaining conscious throughout, Corney crawled out of range and sight of the enemy and to an aid station.

This lad, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Corney of 715 North 23rd Street, Philadelphia, Pa., suffered combat wounds from which medical science easily regarded recovery as a million to one chance.

Yet, thanks to army medical ingenuity, plus a stout heart and courage, this former Pennsylvania leather worker did recover. Entering the service January 1942, Corney found himself on his way to New Zealand the following May. His first major contact with the enemy came when he was part of the initial invasion force to strike at Rendova. It was during this encounter that Corney realized that being a No. 1 scout was not exactly the easiest job in the outfit, for several times he heard the whistling sound of bullets, any one of which could have spelled doom to his military career right then and there.

TRICKY LOT
Asked what he thought of the Jap soldiers as a whole, Corney said, "They're a tricky lot. They hold their fire to such a point you'll walk right up to their foxholes or pill-boxes before you know it." Questioned about the tactics he employed as the leading scout, Corney said he looked for tree movement or nicks at the base of trees which indicated enemy machine guns had established a line of fire.

He explained that the terrain had a great deal to do with the distance which separated him from the rest of his unit. "Sometimes we were only 20 feet ahead of the group, while other times it would be 20 yards or more."

Following his injury on New Georgia Island, Corney was shipped to several hospitals in the Pacific Islands. Corney, who holds the Purple Heart, marvels at his good fortune. So does everybody else who has heard his story.

You cannot put class first and expect to have first-class teamwork.



THE SUPPLY SERGEANT HAD NO ARGUMENT—Supply sergeants are sometimes prone to put up an argument when a G. I. puts in a request for new clothing—and in a hurry. But the supply top kink in Company B of the Academic Regiment wasted no time in issuing new duds to Pvt. Harry Bauer after he told him that—"I was on the beach with seven others at Rendova when a Jap bomb landed nearby, killing four and blowing most of the clothes off the rest. All I had left was my shoes and pants. I was wounded and in the hospital they took my shoes so all I had when I came back was a pair of pants."—(Official U. S. Army Photo—168th Signal Photo Co.)

Sgt. Rapetti Once Served Top-Ranking U.S. Generals

By PVT. DAN SANGSTER
Men returned from combat always have a story. Some are more interesting than others, and some are more readily told than others, but the story is always there if you can get at it.

In the opinion of your reporter, one of the most interesting experiences is that of Master Sergeant Alfred J. Rapetti, who served as personal secretary to General Dwight D. Eisenhower, George S. Patton, Omar N. Bradley, and others. He was awarded the Legion of Merit by General Bradley in Sicily. His work required him to be familiar with many of the details incident to the planning and direction of historic battles in the African, Sicilian, and Italian campaigns.

Sergeant Rapetti is currently assigned to the Adjutant General's office, The Parachute School Headquarters. He is 27 years old. Born in Staten Island, N. Y., Sergeant Rapetti graduated from the High School of Commerce, Manhattan. Besides speaking

Italian and French fluently, he is an expert at shorthand and typing.

PLAYED HIT PARTS
When Rapetti joined the Army in 1938, he had been playing bit parts in several New York stage plays and it was his idea that the Army would enable him to see life and travel around a bit. From the way things worked out, the Army didn't make any mistake.

His first Army assignment took him to London with the Special Army Banders Group in 1941. While unable to give much detailed information about this mission, Sergeant Rapetti did mention such intriguing bits as the fact that they were stationed at the American Embassy and lived in a penthouse atop the same building, and wore civilian dress on duty and after. All in all, it appears that this entire mission was about as un-G.I. as could be.

Next, the Sergeant turned up in England, attached to the Corps Headquarters Intelligence Section. His knowledge of French and Italian came in handy here as there was a good deal of interrogation work with captured prisoners. When General Patton took command of the 2nd Corps, Sergeant Rapetti was assigned as his personal secretary.

GETS LEGION OF MERIT
He remained in the same job when General Patton was relieved by General Bradley. It was General Bradley who decorated the Sergeant with the Legion of Merit. During his many visits to 2nd Corps Headquarters, General Eisenhower made frequent use of Rapetti's talents with pencil and pad, and the Sergeant recalls this service with pardonable satisfaction.

We asked Sergeant Rapetti if he had been close to any actual fighting. He set up straight here and explained a popular misconception on this point. "We were under fire almost all the time in Africa and Sicily," he related. "Many people don't understand how this works in modern warfare. In the old days when battles were fought from trench lines, the Sergeant's Headquarters were pretty far back and things were relatively quiet. In this war the General's office is usually on wheels. He goes where the fighting is. We lived in the field for fifteen months and spent a lot of this time in our fox holes and, slit trenches. Enemy artillery and plane strafing were the worst, I guess. I lost several good friends and had two very near things myself."

ENGAGED TO WREN
Sergeant Rapetti is engaged to marry an English Wren he met during his stay in London. He showed us her picture and we agreed she is very attractive. "The Paratroopers performed remarkable service in Africa, Sicily, and Europe," he said. "I got a big kick out of being here where they all receive their jump training," he says.

MEDAL OF HONOR MAN GOES WEST
NEW YORK, N. Y.—(ALNS)—Dr. L. Wardlaw Miles, 71, physician, English professor, and a Congressional Medal of Honor man in World War I, died in Baltimore, Md., on June 27. He was a captain in the 308th Infantry, 77th Division, when he performed the deed of heroism in action near Reville, France, in September, 1918. Machine gun wounds received at the time resulted in the amputation of a leg. His son, Dr. Samuel S. Miles, who followed in the doctor's footsteps, was killed in action on Guadalcanal in 1942.

LIVES ARE SAVED BY MEDICAL SCIENCE
LONDON, Eng.—(ALNS)—Of 1,500 wounded navy men evacuated to England between D-Day (June 6) and June 21, only 13 died of their wounds, announces U. S. Navy medical officers. Credit for this fine showing is given to the improvement in treatment made possible by the advancement in medical science since World War I.

Old Trooper Is Back Home From The Wars

The Parachute School has welcomed back another of its own. Currently convalescing at Regional Hospital from the rigors of combat in the South Pacific, First Sergeant Marcus Y. Nugent is remembered by his many friends as the "First Soldier" of the old Headquarters and Service Company, First Parachute Training Regiment, The Parachute School. Seventy-nine days of continuous fighting on Dendova, Munda, and Arundel Islands, New Georgia Group, added up to an experience Sergeant Nugent isn't anxious to repeat but, typically, he is ready to "turn right around and go back to help get the war won."

The Sergeant is thirty-two years old. "I left Fort Benning in January 1943," he related, "and shipped as an unattached casual to the New Hebrides where I joined a regular line outfit. I remember thinking at the time that they seemed pretty high on themselves, but after my first action with this bunch, I was understood why."

WOP UP JAPS
"Anyhow, we moved over to lend a hand with the mopping-up of Guadalcanal. The big show was finished there by the time we arrived. Then we practiced landing tactics with Higgins boats, so we were ready to move up soon. Sure enough, we took off one early morning shortly after this and headed north for Rendova, a small spit of land just across the bay from Munda Airport. A small garrison of about 100 Japs, upon spotting us, were nervous and concealed themselves so cleverly that it took a lot of trouble and almost a week before we cleaned up the last of them."

After hacking their way around the water's edge to a point about six miles below Munda Airport, the real trouble started. The Sergeant tells that they expected resistance from between fifteen hundred and two thousand Japs. When the airport was finally taken, some weeks later, the count of Jap dead was several times the number estimated to include their entire strength.

PRAISES 81'S
Sergeant Nugent is high in his praise of our 81 Mm Mortar for jungle fighting. His opinion is that the Jap is a formidable adversary when enjoying the advantage of numbers or covered position, but no match for our fellows in a free fight. The Japs run from the "buznet," he says.

At present, Sergeant Nugent is assigned for training at the Infantry Officer Candidate School upon graduating, he will draw an assignment with his old friends at The Parachute School. He hopes so too.

10 PER CENT OF A. A. F. DO ALL THE FLYING

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(ALNS)—There are approximately 175,000 officers in the Army Air Forces rated as pilots, bombardiers, navigators, and the like, a Senate subcommittee was informed by Lt. Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, who declared further that only about 10 per cent of the air forces are rated as flying personnel. Ground forces are plenty important to this 10 per cent that flies.



Oak Leaf Cluster

The second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star was awarded to 1st Lieut. Milo D. Krichbaum, Headquarters 3rd Bn., 14th Infantry, by Major General Robert L. Spragins, commanding general, 71st Division, at a special retreat parade, Friday, at Tiger Field in the Sand Hill area. Also pictured is (right) Pfc. Edward L. Marlow, Co. H, 14th Infantry, who was presented the Combat Infantryman's Badge for outstanding work during the North African and Italian invasions.

Lt. Krichbaum, a native of Chicago, and a graduate of Morgan Park Military Academy, participated in the Tunisian campaign as a platoon leader with the 1st Infantry. As commander of Company "A", 15th Infantry, he also participated in the Sicilian invasion and the battle of Cassino, where he was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry.

Another addition to the galaxy of organizational publications will be made next week when the first issue of "215", magazine of the 215th Ordnance Battalion, 4th Hqs. Troops 2nd Army will come off the press.

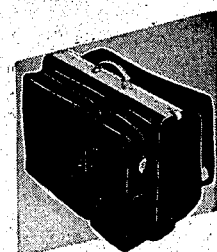
The magazine, which will be published each Friday, will be devoted exclusively to the enlisted man of the 215th, and will contain features and articles of general interest. It will, according to the editor, become a bulletin board of official information, but will strive for the light and breezy article, with emphasis on pleasing the tastes of the readers. Editor is PFC. Louis D. Rubin, Jr., who has worked on army and civilian publications, while chief cartoonist is Pvt. Arthur Askue, who before entering the army was a cartoonist for the Paul Terry Company, producer of the famous "Bunk Fatigue", a column of editorial opinion. "Silver in Gray", a column in which battalion officers take turns at being guest editors, "Rear View Mirror", a cartoon feature about army life by Pvt. Askue and "Roll Call", in which different battalion men each week give short biographies of their lives before induction.

New Swimming Pool Opened In Sand Hill Area

Swimming time came Saturday for Fort Benning personnel in the 1st Infantry Division and other troops in the Sand Hill area as the new swimming pool there was thrown open for use. A formal opening ceremony will be arranged this week, Lt. Col. Alexander H. Vezzer, post special service officer said in announcing that the pool was opened for use. Construction on the huge pool was begun last spring. A water filtering plant and bathhouses also have been completed for the pool, which is located behind Library No. 2, across the street from Service Club No. 2.

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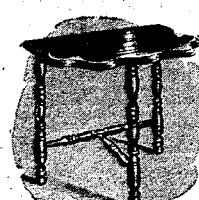
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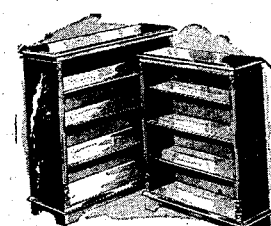
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U.S. To Loan Veterans Money For Businesses

GEORGE L. HUDSON, Maj. Inf.
The United States News of Washington, D. C., in a feature story in the current issue predicts that over 2,000,000 veterans will be set up in business in the early years of peace with between three and four billion dollars of government guaranteed loans.

Under the provisions of the new G. I. Bill of Rights, any veteran, enlisted or commissioned, man or woman, may borrow up to \$40,000 to go into business. The government will guarantee these loans up to 50 per cent or \$20,000.

In previous wars the government has rewarded the veteran with opportunities for home-land-owning free land. Now that most of the good land is gone, the government will open up vast tracts of land to enable up to two million veterans to become owners of small, independent business establishments. All over the country, veterans are being set up in business. They are expected to be service establishments or retail stores. They include restaurants, beauty parlors, barber shops, filling stations, general stores, taverns, also garages, grocery stores, radio repair shops, photograph studios and even small factories.

LOW INTEREST RATE
The interest rate will be low. The average rate is expected to be 4 per cent with 20 years to repay the principal. The government will pay up to one-half the interest charges the veteran will be required to pay. The government will require none for guaranteeing half the loan. The business, however, or government agency actually furnishing the loan will satisfy itself as to the veteran's character and risks of business with them for protection on the government guarantee and a lien on land, building, equipment or supplies which the veteran buys to set up the business.

With a loan on these terms, plus War Bonds, the \$200 or \$300 demobilization pay and any savings put aside, the average veteran should be able to scrape up \$5,000 to \$10,000 to start a small business.

OPPORTUNITIES WIDESPREAD
As a result of the war tens of thousands of small business firms have been closed. Statisticians point out the following opportunities:

GROCERIES: The war has cut the number of stores from 346,800 to 238,300.

APPLIANCES AND RADIO: Nearly one third of all stores in this field have closed since Pearl Harbor. Consumer demand is enormous.

FILLING STATIONS: 55,000 out of 227,000 filling stations have been closed.

BARBER AND BEAUTY SHOPS: Large numbers have closed.

GENERAL STORES: The number of general stores has dropped from 72,800 to 63,400. Veterans are expected to reopen many of these, start many new ones.

Negro Troopers Thrill Detroiters

Colorful, spectacular and dramatic was the unique military exhibition which thousands of Detroiters watched Saturday night when 16 expert Negro Paratroopers with full combat equipment jumped from Army transport at National Airport.

The 16 enlisted troopers, accompanied by two officers along with their mascot canine, Pampel, are members of the 555th Central Postal Directory Company, Paratrooper Battalion, at Fort Benning. The exhibition jump was made in the interest of a bond drive to boost home front morale, and acquaint the general public with Negro participation in the armed forces.

After the jump, the Industrial Service group of Detroit conducted the troopers and officers through an inspection tour of local defense plants. Saturday evening these men became home front salesmen by participating in the war bond rally at Bond Square in Washington boulevard in downtown Detroit. The amount of bonds sold in the two-hour period of the rally topped any amount of any single bond program held in Bond Square.

The first Negro parachute students started training January 16, 1944, consisting of 16 selected cadre to form the nucleus for proceeding Negro parachute classes. The first colored officers received commissions in the service on June 1 at a review held March 4, 1944. The present 555th Paratrooper Battalion is commanded by First Lieutenant James H. Porter.

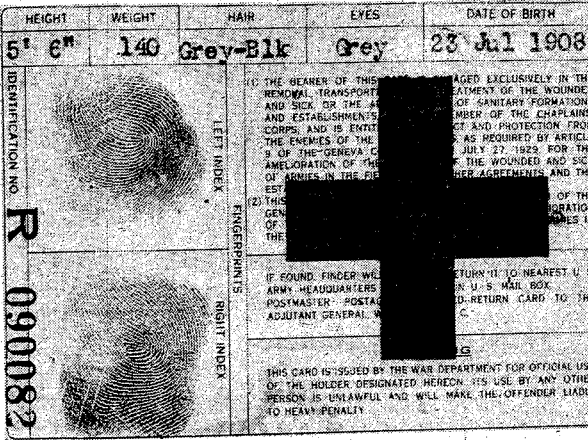
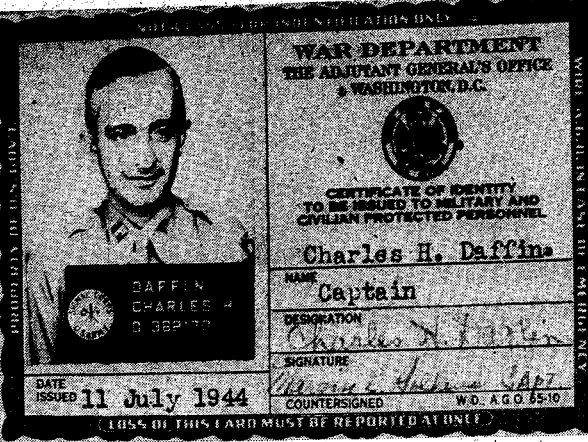
IN THIS WEATHER?
Figure this one out. In the June 8 issue of the Fort Devens (Mass.) Digest, there appeared this swap advertisement: "Will swap one good field jacket for one woolen undershirt. Call 6117."

An Army Wife Shops In Columbus

By Phyllis

Styles for bathing suits have been revolutionized since the fashions which were worn by the "ol' swimmin' hole." Now, as you frequent the pools in Columbus or at Ft. Benning, you'll really gander at the styles of men's swimwear. CHANCELLOR CO., INC., fortunately for our water-minded husbands, has a large supply of "boxer-type" swimming trunks. These pale tan, polo blue and natural togs are meticulously made of sturdy, light-colored, carrying a Sanitized guarantee. Other equally popular swimming outfits are all-wool, light-fitting trunks with either high or low waists. These trunks are in shades of blue, tan, brown, green and the ever-popular navy blue. The swimwear is twenty lengths of the pool or just take a daily dip, you'll be the pride of the pool in any of the swimming spots suggested by this renowned men's shop.

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Army Nurses Made Officers

Approximately 40,000 Army nurses, including those at Fort Benning's ASF Regional Hospital, have become officers of the Army of the United States, acquiring full military status for the first time since the Army Nurse Corps was formed in 1901 by an act of Congress.

By the terms of an executive order signed by President Roosevelt, the President has promoted the Army Nurse Corps to the rank of major in the Army, with the same pay and prerogatives as other officers. The President's order was issued under the authority of Public Law No. 350, 78th Congress, approved June 22, 1944. The act of Congress was to remove the last of a series of legislative limitations which until now have made the Army Nurse Corps an auxiliary body rather than a full-fledged Army component with the same status as other branches.

SAME STATUS AS WACS
Army nurses now have the same status as members of the WAC, who were also an Army auxiliary when first organized.

Commissions in their present grades will be issued to all members of the Army Nurse Corps under the provisions of the new executive order unless they expressly decline appointment.

Female dietitians and physical therapy aides will have the same military status as nurses and will be commissioned similarly.

Prior to passage of the bill signed by the president in June, and made fully effective by today's order, the Army Nurse Corps was known in the Army as "relative rank," giving them subordinate status and limited military authority. Their own fight for incorporation into the Army antedates the World War.

RAPID INCREASE
At the time of the Pearl Harbor attack there were only 403 nurses in the Army Nurse Corps. Within a year their number had jumped to 10,000. It now exceeds 40,000—and there still are not enough. Fifty thousand more are needed.

In December, 1942, Army nurses were given the same pay as male officers of equivalent rank. In October, 1943, a new table of organization made more rapid promotions possible. Col. Florence A. Blanchfield, Superintendent of the Army Nurse Corps, whose service dates back to 1917, is the highest-ranking officer in the Corps at present.

7th Co. Cracks Anti-Tank Record

Seventh Company candidates of the Third Student Training Regiment, the Infantry School, cracked a new record this week, this time on the Anti-Tank range where 92 men qualified as experts in shooting a portable, But Stiller dropped his last two shots out of the scoring space for a 190 tally.

The 92 experts represented a 55.3 per cent mark for the 1000 shot range, dwarfing a record set by First Company last week. First Company had posted 78 experts for a 49.1 percentage.

Ninety-nine and 44 per cent of the Seventh Company candidates qualified, including 30 per cent in the first class gunner's bracket and 14.1 per cent in the second class gunner's category.

While the company average is outstanding, Allan Stiller almost accomplished the feat of the day—shooting a portable. But Stiller dropped his last two shots out of the scoring space for a 190 tally.

Battle Leader Lauds Work of Men in Ranks

Utica, New York, has produced some pretty brave soldiers, during this and other wars. But none is more courageous than Lt. Col. J. Grimmer, a fighting Irishman, for there ever was one, already decorated with the highest honors England, France and the United States can offer, and at present student company commander in the Officers Advanced Course, the 1st Student Training Regiment of the Infantry School.

A battalion commander with the 38th Infantry in North Africa, Grimmer witnessed plenty of action, until the very last of the campaign. It was while serving with General Mark Clark that he present rank.

Believing "that actions speak louder than words," the Colonel absolutely refused to discuss his own record in the African campaign.

"Where do you think I'd be, if it wasn't for the brave men I served with, I mean the privates, corporals and sergeants," asked the veteran commander. "They're the boys who deserve the stories."

COLONEL WOUNDED
Checking the records however, it is noted that Colonel Grimmer was not exactly a "back-of-the-line-commander" for at the time the enemy shell crashed into his ribs, filling his side with shrapnel and sending him to the hospital, he was right on the front line.

Following extensive amphibious training in England, Colonel Grimmer joined the task force that struck the coast of North Africa, during the early part of November, '42. Later his battalion was ordered to join General Mark Clark's 1st British Army in Tunisia and the battle at Kasserin Pass.

With genuine praise, Colonel Grimmer told how Capt. Robert Cobb, now a lieutenant colonel, was with this outfit in the battle at Kasserin Pass.

"I think you've had enough combat experiences," he was asked, to which he replied, "I've lost two brothers in this war, is that reason enough?"

Colonel Grimmer at present holds the unique distinction of being the first man in the United States, serving actively in the present war to be elected post commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and to the members of the Muskegon, Okla., V. F. W. the student commander of the 10th Co. 1st STR is their present chief.

Unusual, but very Lt. Col. Peter J. Grimmer is a true United States officer.

RC Band Plays USO Concert

One of the largest outdoor concert crowds of the summer season heard the Reception Center band at the USO Colored Army-Navy YMCA, 651 E. 1st, Sunday afternoon of this week. The program was especially appreciated by music lovers, because of the interpretations given to the band selections in the printed program.

Led by Warrant Officer Ellis B. Kohs, conductor, the band, officially designated the 334th Army Service Forces Band, played a series of twelve selections. It opened with "Post Medical Officer," by Louis Savarin, and climaxed the program with "Boler," by Maurice Ravel. Other numbers included "Pinafire," by Arthur Sullivan, Mr. Kohs' arrangement of "I Surrender, Dear." During the summer season, the band will play outdoor concerts at the USO Colored Army-Navy YMCA every third Sunday of each month at 6:30 P.M.E.W.T. The 218th Army Service Band is presented first Sunday of each month at 6:30 P.M.E.W.T., directed by Mr. Kohs.

Mr. Kohs said that the Reception Center Band is a giving of the band of band concerts at the Open Air Beer Garden in the Special Training Unit every Tuesday and Friday at 6:15 E.W.T.

WON'T PUT WAMP INTO AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON, D. C.—(ALNS)—The proposal to take members of the WASP into the Army Air Forces was defeated in Congress, and the women flyers remain as civilian employees of the War Department.

10 points short of a perfect 200 mark that never has been attained on the Anti-Tank range in Infantry School history by either OC's or committee-men.

Wac Detach. Section Two At Full Strength

First Lieutenant Corrie S. Sherard, commanding officer of Wac Detachment, Station Complement, Section 2, this week announced that the detachment had been brought up to its full strength with arrival of the latest contingent of Wacs in the area.

There are presently 145 members of the Wac Detachment. They are coming in steadily from Fort Des Moines, Ia., first Wac Training Center, and at frequent intervals from Fort Huachuca, Arizona, after receiving advanced training at the large station hospital.

Pfc. Rebecca D. Scarborough, 25, and Pfc. Ida Hicks, 25, were transferred to Fort Benning from Fort Huachuca. Both are scheduled to be assigned to Station Hospital as technicians, Lt. Sherard stated.

First colored Wac to reach Benning as a dental technician, Pfc. Scarborough came highly recommended for her work. She is a resident of Decatur, Ala., and as a civilian followed the teaching profession. Pfc. Scarborough is also skilled in the operation of the addressograph and embossing machine.

Pvt. Hicks, daughter of Mrs. Beula Draper, of Chickasha, Okla., was a music teacher in civilian life. Both she and Pfc. Scarborough were stationed at Fort Sheridan, Ill., before going to Fort Huachuca. Other Wac arrivals are—

Mary Young, Lulu Gilmore, Lucille Brown, cooks; Lee Woods, Bertha Solomon, Doris Smith, Betty McDonald, clerk-typists; Doris Schuler, Yvonne Bickel, clerk; Katherine Goetz, Shirley Goode, Vivian Carter, hospital orderlies; Blanche Means, and Mary Bankston, mail clerks; Naomi McDonald, Mildred Johnson, Army clerk school; Ruby Greene, seamstress-quartermaster; Gladys Dehman, duplicating machine operator; Elizabeth Davis, clerk; Elsie Dannels, mimeograph operator; Cora Brown, file clerk; and Ouida Alderman, laboratory technician.

19-Year-Old G.I. Has Rockets As His Hobby

Pvt. Douglas L. Penrod is only 19 years old, but he has been a member of the California Rocket Society and the American Rocket Society ever since he was 16, and what this lad doesn't know about rockets, the kind the Germans are shooting across the English Channel, as well as the kind that is used on the Fourth of July, can't be too important.

A recent arrival at Fort Benning, this young rocket enthusiast has been assigned to the Enlisted Communication Course at the 23rd Communication Battalion, 1st Student Training Regiment of the Infantry School, and although he hopes to master the art of dots and dashes, he still has his eye on anything that refers to rockets.

Penrod claims that in the past war period he'll see rockets more prominent than they have been in this conflict. He even states in a serious tone of voice, that in his opinion, with the proper research, it is possible to develop a rocket that will travel from the Atlantic continent clear across the Atlantic, and properly directed, could hit any city with accuracy in Berlin.

TRIP TO MOON
He explains that the American Rocket Society was affiliated with the British Inter-Planetary Society, whose members are of the opinion that rockets can be developed not only to visit neighboring planets, but a rocket that will actually reach the moon and return.

There are two types of rockets, states young Penrod, "the Thermal Air Jet Propulsion, and the Rocket Propulsion. The first is the type used at present by the Nazi, and is controlled by air intake, while the latter is the sort much on the line of the Fourth of July sky-rockets that will have its propulsion within itself. It is a rocket of this sort, which Penrod strongly believes will someday circle the moon.

Entered into the service, Penrod first took an Air Corps basic training course, and later attended the Radio Operator's School at Camp Roberts, California. At this point he married, and was later transferred into the Army Specialized Training Program, where he spent 13 weeks at the Sacramento Junior College, and later weeks at Loyola University, Los Angeles, Calif., at which time the ASTP program ceased. He is now at the Infantry School for further radio instruction.

Competence in these communications plus a determination native to the average American soldier are making The Paratrooper School graduates some of the best fighting men in the world, Colonel Freeman stated.

Anzio Veteran Praises Basic Chute Course

Drawing from his experience as a commanding officer of the 3rd Battalion of the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, a unit recently cited by President Roosevelt for its action at Anzio, Lieutenant Colonel Leslie G. Freeman told classes of The Paratrooper School last week that training received at Fort Benning was "the best parachute training not only the best parachute training, but also highly instrumental in providing for a low casualty rate."

He cited a situation in the Italian campaign where 33 paratroopers and two officers assaulted a mountain. He stated that the paratroopers not only the best parachute training, but also highly instrumental in providing for a low casualty rate.

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Sicilian Veteran Commands Unit

Col. Robert H. Lord, Commanding Officer of the 1st Student Training Regiment of the Infantry School, announced this week the appointment of Capt. Leo E. Markard, commanding officer of the 46th Infantry, to command the 17th Infantry, a unit of the 46th Infantry Division. While in command of Company A of the 17th Infantry he was present at the initial landing in the invasion of Sicily, during the campaign, Captain Markard was evacuated by the British from Sicily to Tripoli, and finally to Egypt.

After convalescing in Cairo for three months, he was returned to the United States by plane. Upon his return, Captain Markard attended the Officers Advanced Course, and upon graduation was assigned to his present post. Captain Markard's 18th Infantry unit recently received a new student body which includes graduates of the United States Military Academy. Among his new students are many of the present war, or were in past military engagements.

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